

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash- Newark

Newark— Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 11:23 p.m., Thursday, December 24, 2020, on State Route 1 at Interstate 95.

The initial investigation has determined a 2007 Honda Civic, operated by a 34-year-old male from Bear, DE, was traveling northbound Route 1 south of the overpass for I-95. The Civic lost control and struck a concrete barrier on the right shoulder of the roadway. The Civic rotated in an unknown direction until it became disabled in the left lane of northbound Route 1. The operator of the Civic exited the vehicle and stood in the left lane. At the time, a 2014 Honda Accord was traveling northbound Route 1 in the left lane approaching the I-95 overpass. The front of the Accord struck the front of the Civic and then struck the pedestrian.

The pedestrian/operator of the Civic was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Accord, a 54-year-old female from Townsend, DE was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

At the time of the collision there was steady rainfall and limited lighting in the area. The pedestrian was not wearing reflective material and was not carrying a flashlight.

State Route 1 northbound was closed for approximately 2 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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